

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

- Claims 1-53 are currently pending.
- Claims 1-19, 23-35, 42-47, and 51-53 are canceled herein.

Allowed Claims

The Office Action indicates that claims 20-22, 36-41 and 48-50 are allowable. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 20-22, 36-41 and 48-50. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain in condition for allowance.

Cited Documents

The following documents have been applied to reject one or more claims of the Application:

- **Sala:** Sala, et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,333,495
- **Laursen:** Laursen, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,805,804
- **Dugad:** Dugad, et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,382,755
- **Hempel:** Hempel, U.S. Patent No. 7,464,380
- **Williams:** Williams, U.S. Patent No. 6,411,982

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 33-35, 42, 43, 45 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Sala in view of Laursen.

Claims 44 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Sala in view of Laursen and further in view of Dugad.

Claims 51-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Hempel in view of Williams.

Claims 33-35, 42-47, and 51-53 are canceled herein, rendering the 103 rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application.

If any issues remain that would prevent allowance of this application, **Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative before issuing a subsequent Action.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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